

# U. S. COAST GUARD NEWS

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### NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS ENTERING, LEAVING U.S.

Most ships entering U.S. ports will have to provide 96-hour advance notice of arrival (NOA) to the U. S. Coast Guard along with crew, passenger, and cargo information, under new rules that go into effect tomorrow. A 24-hour advance notice has long been required for ships calling at U. S. ports. In the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks, ships have been directed by U.S. Coast Guard order to provide advance notice plus detailed information about crews, passengers, and cargoes.

The new temporary rules will also suspend some existing exemptions from NOA reporting and will make some changes in notice of departure (NOD) requirements for vessels carrying certain dangerous cargoes.

For now, ships reporting under the rules will continue to send their information to the Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) office where they plan to arrive. Beginning Oct. 15, however, most NOA and NOD reports will be made to the Coast Guard's new National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC). Reporting to the NVMC will streamline the notification process and the longer advance notice will allow the Coast Guard and other U. S. law enforcement agencies more time to review the information and plan for ship arrivals.

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Maritime businesses, ship operators, and others involved in commercial vessel operations should review the new rules for details such as prior NOA reporting exemptions that will still exist, special provisions for Great Lakes shipping, and phone numbers and contact information for the NVMC. The rules will appear in the Federal Register Oct. 4, 2001, Docket USCG-2001-10689, RIN 2115-AG24.

Some 10,000 ships make over 68,000 port calls in the U. S. each year. The NOA and NOD changes are part of the Coast Guard's nationwide effort to safeguard the American public, ports, waterways, facilities, ships, mariners and boaters.

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NOTE: For additional information about the rules contact Lt.j.g. Marcus Lines, 202 267-6854. A chart outlining NOA/NOD changes is attached.

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Vessel Type & Voyage Time	NOA – Initial Report		NOD – Initial Report		NOA – Changes		NOD – Changes	
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Vessels greater than 300 GT with a voyage time of 96 hours or greater	24 hours 160.207	At least 96 hours before entering each port of destination 160.T208	None	None	None	As soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours before entering the port	None	None
Vessels greater than 300 GT voyage time less than 96 hours	24 hours 160.207	Before departing but no less than 24 hours before entering each port of destination 160.T208	None	None	None	As soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours before entering the port	None	None
All vessels carrying dangerous cargo, except barges, with a voyage time of 96 hours or greater	24 hours 160.211(a)	At least 96 hours before entering each port of destination 160.T212	At least 24 hours unless notification was made within 2 hours of arrival 160.213	Same – 160.T214	None	As soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours before entering the port	None	Before departing
All vessels carrying dangerous cargo except barges with a voyage time of less than 96 hours	24 hours 160.211(a)	Before departing but no less than 24 hours before entering each port of destination 160.T212	At least 24 hours unless notification was made within 2 hours of arrival 160.213	Same – 160.T214	None	As soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours before entering the port	None	Before departing

All barges carrying dangerous cargo	4 hours	At least 12 hours before entering each port of destination	At least 4 hours before departing, unless notification was made within 2 hours of arrival	Same - 160.T214	None	As soon as practicable but no later than 12 hours before entering port	None	Before departing
	160.211(b)	160.T212	160.211(b)					